

## ACT ON THE BOARD.

President Gallup Also Says East River Park Must Be Lighted.

He Will Offer a Resolution Providing for It To-Morrow.

No Excuse for This Breathing Place Being Kept in Darkness.

"East River Park must be lighted. There is no question about it, and the sooner it is attended to the better I will like it."

It was President Gallup, of the Board of Park Commissioners, who said this to an Evening World reporter who called upon him this morning.

President Gallup's colleagues, Commissioners Hutchins and Borden, have already expressed very decided views in favor of lighting this park, and now that the President himself has come out so strongly, there is no doubt that the end for which Tim Evanson World has been so earnestly striving will soon be an accomplished fact.

"I think Tim Evanson World deserves a great deal of credit for bringing this matter to the attention of the public," continued President Gallup, "for if there has been any failure on the part of the city to keep the parks properly lighted it ought to be known."

"I want every park to be lighted and kept open in the evening, especially those which are used by the poor people as popular resorts, and I have learned that East River Park is one of these."

"The Park Commissioners have no power to light the park themselves, but they can see that the Gas Commission attend to the matter by formally calling their attention to it, and this I propose to do at the very earliest opportunity."

"There will be a meeting of the Board to-morrow, and I will make a personal matter of this and bring it up in the form of a resolution."

President Gallup then called for his stenographer and dictated the following in the presence of the reporter:

"Resolved, That the Gas Commission be requested to provide East River Park with proper lights, and that the Superintendent of Parks be instructed to select suitable places for lamps and report the same to this Board at once."

"I will offer this resolution in the Board meeting to-morrow," continued Commissioner Gallup, "and the notification will be sent at once to the Gas Commission."

"I was very much pleased with the way Tim Evanson World worked to secure the lighting of this park. I was out of town at the time, but I read all about it in the papers and made a note of the matter, intending to push it forward myself when I returned to the city."

"I got back a week ago Saturday, the very day when the park was lighted up and proposed in the evening, so there was nothing left for me to do."

"In regard to this matter, I do not think there will be any difficulty in inducing the Gas Commission to furnish the necessary lamps at once. Of course, I suppose they will put in electric lights, for I do not believe in putting gas mains in the parks, as they are injurious to the trees and shrubbery."

"The action of the Gas Commission it was learned that there would probably be a meeting of the Board to-morrow, and the latter part of the week to consider the matter of awarding the contracts for the remaining street lamps."

"If the action of the Park Department is received in time it will be acted upon at that meeting."

"Supt. McCormick, however, is afraid that there may be some delay in putting in electric lights, because of the smallness of the appropriation for the present year."

"There will be a deficit," he said, "if we only light the lamps which were running last year, and if we put lamps in East River Park we will have to cut out some in other parts of the city."

"As Tim Evanson World has already shown, the erection of two or three lamps in the park will be all that is needed to tide over the present difficulty, and the expense of maintaining these would be trifling."

"What has been most complained of in a dangerous light of the park is the darkness from the top of the hill in the park down to the plaza fronting on the East River."

"At the present time this is entirely unlighted, the light from the street lamps on Avenue B being entirely shut off by the dense foliage of the trees which overhang the entrance to the stairway."

"As a result, it is a very dangerous place on a dark night, a misstep being likely to cause a serious accident, while surrounding gloom offers a most favorable retreat for toughs and hoodlums of the worst stamp."

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"It is of the utmost importance that it should be kept in the best possible condition, and that its accommodations for the public should be as good as those of any other park in the city."

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Pleaded with Prompt Action.

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## BREEZES GIVE US NEW LIFE.

New York's Blessed Relief from the Torrid Heat.

It Will Grow Cooler To-Day and To-Night, Say the Weather Sharps.

It was not even early this morning to make the average Gothamite groan, when he remembered the prediction made by Sergt. Jeunofsky, and saw the mercury climbing up the tube as soon as Old Sol had risen above the horizon, and begun to get in his work in earnest.

In anticipation of the hottest day of the season, the New York man abandoned all thoughts of boiled shirts and starched collars, and provided with a flannel shirt and an extra layer of handkerchiefs, he sallied forth prepared for the worst.

As things turned out, however, the dire prognostications failed to materialize, and before noon everybody agreed that matters might be much worse.

In fact Sergt. Jeunofsky took back water, so to speak. It was hot, there was no doubt about that; for long before noon the big thermometers at the street corners showed that the temperature was verging dangerously near the nineties.

But the unexpected, however, had happened, and General Humidity, who is more to be dreaded than Old Sol himself, failed to come to the scratch with his customary regularity.

Yesterday he kept up his old and very successful, and if he had done what was generally expected of him this morning he would have made things much worse, for the percentage had fallen off to 74, and at latest accounts was still dropping.

Sergt. Jeunofsky explained this unexpected phenomenon as a result of yesterday's rains over an extensive area in the lake region, and not on the theory of the sudden arrival of the cold wave from the northwest.

The high barometer area in Dakota and Minnesota has extended only very slightly, and while it will exert a moderating influence on the weather, it is not so powerful as to make a week or more for travel the distance.

Another factor which contributed materially to diminish the unendurable heat of yesterday was a stiff breeze from the southeast, which sprung up during the forenoon.

At 11 o'clock it was blowing from fourteen to sixteen miles an hour, and occurred in the latter part of the big down-town office buildings not the full benefit of it.

While it wasn't a particularly cool breeze, it was strong enough to give untold relief to perishing humanity, and the citizens of Gotham were correspondingly grateful.

"The temperature will probably not get above 86 or 87 degrees to-day," said Sergt. Jeunofsky, "and the forecast I have made for the next twenty-four hours will be a breeze followed by local showers and cooler air."

"There is a very fair prospect that the high percentage of humidity which has been the cause of the heat of yesterday will be much lower than it is at present. In that case we can stand a much higher temperature without suffering."

"I think to-morrow will be cooler than to-day, especially if the fresh breeze which we are now enjoying holds out. It will be a relief to the city."

The hottest place in the Atlantic States at 8 A. M. was Boston, where it was 80 degrees, New York was 79, with a jump to 81 at 11 A. M.

The coolest place in the United States was Moorhead, Minn., where the mercury stood at 44, with 46 at St. Paul. It was comparatively cool in Chicago and St. Louis along the lakes.

Rain was reported at Cleveland, Ohio, Pittsburgh and Harrisburg, Pa., and at St. Louis, Mo., Nashville, Tenn., and Erie, Pa.

David Goldberg, aged fourteen years, of 77 Avenue C, was overcome by the heat, and died at 224 Greenview street, died at the Children's Hospital from the effects of the heat.

John Nolan, thirty-five years old, overcome by the heat at 224 Greenview street, was taken to Gouverneur Hospital unconscious.

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AUGUST is the dull business month in the year, but we are determined to change its character to one of the most extreme business activity. In order to accomplish this, we shall offer for the next five weeks an unprecedented array of big values, so multitudinous that it would be futile to even attempt to enumerate them. We simply extend the invitation to call. The prices will speak for themselves.

### HE WAS TOO FAT TO DROWN.

Ferdinand Schiffer's Remarkable Adventures in the Bay.

Picked Up After Floating Around an Hour and a Half.

The remarkable adventures of Ferdinand Schiffer, en route from South Beach to this city, were reported at Police Headquarters this morning.

Schiffer is a German, as indicated by his name, and very much of a German, for he tips the scales at 308 pounds.

He melts considerably during the warm weather, and to save himself as much as possible from the heat he goes to South Beach every day.

He started for home from there on the steamer Thomas Morgan at 8.30 o'clock last night, and as he could not very well sit on a camp stool, he spread himself out on the guard rail aft, where he fanned himself with his hat until there was a sudden lurch of the vessel and away he went over the side into the briny deep.

No one saw him go over apparently, for the Morgan did not stop.

Finding himself alone in the water, Mr. Schiffer prepared to die, as he could not swim, and he saw not the slightest chance of being picked up.

Much to his astonishment he did not sink. He had often heard that a drowning man goes down and comes to the surface of the water three times before he goes to the bottom for good.

He counted the time when he fell off the boat and went under the waves as he floated, but he did not go under a second time.

Then it began to dawn on him that the fat which heretofore has been the bane of his existence was now acting as his life-saver for him and he could not sink.

A great joy took possession of his large Teutonic soul, and he laughed aloud in exultant glee.

"There he lay on his back, rising and falling with the action of the waves like some inanimate life-buoy, only now and then when he felt equal to the exertion, he would strike his head against the railing."

After being an hour in the water he concluded that he was good for all night, and he settled himself out comfortably to sleep.

He might have enjoyed a peaceful night's rest in his cool surroundings, but the lookout on the steamer Eliza Hancock, coming from South Beach, sighted him through his night-glass and sang out: "Dead ahead, sir, but I think now it is a man or several men rolled up together."

"Capt. Post once lowered and named a lifeboat, and with a will the sailor pulled for the 'mystery.'"

When they came up with Mr. Schiffer raised himself on his elbow and calmly explained his predicament to the captain.

"I can't swim. I can't sink. Take me into the boat."

"We can't," you would expect it," the sailor explained, "and then they took Mr. Schiffer a line, at the end of which he was placidly towed to the Eliza Hancock."

There was a difficulty arose. They could not get him aboard, for he was too fat to climb up the side of the vessel.

Finally Capt. Post had a block and tackle rigged by which Mr. Schiffer was swung on board.

Then he floated, after being nearly an hour and a half in the water.

## SIMPSON, CRAWFORD & SIMPSON.

Special Sale of Ladies' and Children's Hosiery commencing to-morrow, Wednesday, and during the week at the following special prices:

**Ladies' Hosiery.**  
At 15c. pair, worth 30c.—Ladies' Fancy Cotton Hose.  
At 19c. pair, worth 37c.—Ladies' Fast Black and Fancy Cotton Hose.  
At 25c. pair, worth 45c.—Ladies' Fast Black, Extra Fine Cotton Hose.  
At 35c. pair, worth 55c.—Ladies' Rich-ellen Ribbed, plain colored Little Thread Hose.

### Children's Hosiery.

At 19c. pair, worth 31c.—Children's Fast Black, Derby Ribbed Cotton Hose; all sizes.

At 25c. pair, worth 35c.—Children's Brilliant Black, Little Thread Hose; double knees; all sizes.

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ED. KOONS'S STRANGE SUICIDE.

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War in the Brick Trade.

There is every likelihood that the brick manufacturers will place their threatened boycott on this city on Monday next.

At their meeting yesterday they formally decided to place a single brick on the street unless the walking delegates of the building trades removed the boycott on the four contractors.

A member of the Board said to-day that the walking delegates would not yield, so there would be no work on the street for a long time.

Friends and relatives of Edwin S. Koons, whose dead body was found in a Philadelphia hotel yesterday afternoon, are at a loss to account for his peculiar and distressing suicide.

Mr. Koons was a partner of C. J. Peters, under the firm name of Peters & Koons, and had his headquarters at 180 East One Hundred and Fifteenth street in this city.

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Our Summer Sale.

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